

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conference on Evaluation of Safety Cosmetics

Under the sponsorship of the American Medical Association's Committee on Cutaneous Health and Cosmetics, a Conference on Evaluation of Safety of Cosmetics will be held from October 27-9, 1968 in Washington, D.C. Co-sponsor of the Conference is the Society of Toxicology. Program chairmen for the conference are Adolph Rostenberg, Jr., M.D., chairman of the Committee, and Carrol S. Weil, president of the Society.

The first session of the conference will be devoted to reports on Observed Reactions to Cosmetics as seen by the clinician (Paul Lazar, M.D.), by the users (a summation of complaints received by members of the Toilet Goods Association will be presented by H. Dewitt Goulden), by the industry in its premarket testing programs (Robert P. Giovaechini, Ph.D.), and by the Food and Drug Administration (J. Kenneth Kirk).

The next two sessions will examine the basis of reactions to cosmetics as well as the techniques used in evaluating cosmetic ingredients and products to predict relative safety. Bruce A. Barron, Ph.D., will speak on the evaluation of necessary and unnecessary risks. Papers (the first on theory, the second on techniques) will be presented on percutaneous absorption (Irvin H. Blank, Ph.D., Francis R. Marzulli, Ph.D.), primary irritation (Albert M. Kligman, M.D., Ph.D., Bernard Idson, Ph.D.), contact sensitization (Merrill W. Chase, Ph.D., John F. Griffith), photosensitization (Leonard C. Harber, M.D., Leonard J. Vinson, Ph.D.) and on carcinogenesis (Eugene J. Van Scott, M.D., R. K. Boutwell, Ph.D.).

The Conference will close with a session on Society and Testing Programs. The topics in this session will be the regulation of cosmetic claims to the consumer (Irving Ladimer, S.J.D.), the goals of a safety evaluation program (Bernard L. Oser, Ph.D.) and the ethics of testing in humans (Harry F. Dowling, M.D.).

A copy of the printed program and registration information can be obtained from the Committee on Cutaneous Health and Cosmetics, American Medical Association, 535 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

American Medical Association—Section on Dermatology

Scientific papers for presentation before the Section on Dermatology of the American Medical Association meeting, July 13-17, 1969, New York City, are now being accepted by the Secretary of the Section. Those who desire to submit papers for presentation should communicate with E. Richard Harrell, M.D., University of Michigan Medical Center, Department of Dermatology, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, well in advance of the deadline date, November 15, 1968.